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Mr. Adolph T. Samuelson Director, Civil Accounting and Auditing Division General Accounting Office Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Samuelson:

In confirmation of our conversation of 9 March 1962, I requested that the auditors currently assigned to the audit of the records of 5X1A5a1

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Long Island City 1, New York, be instructed not to examine the details of the cost of Contract No. 624.

I understand that the auditors are Messrs. Bernard Dall and Lester Quitney, who, I believe, are working out of Middletown Air Depot.

The contract referred to pertains to matters of concern to National Security. The contractual arrangements, payments and audit of this contract are handled by personnel of this Agency in accordance with the powers invested in the Director of Central Intelligence under Public Law 110, Section 8(b), which is quoted as follows:

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"(b) The sums made available to the Agency may be expended without regard to the provisions of law and regulations relating to the expenditure of Government funds, and for objects of a confidential, extraordinary, or emergency nature, such expenditures to be accounted for solely on the certificate of the Director and every such certificate shall be deemed a sufficient voucher for the amount therein certified."

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I am aware of the need of the General Accounting Office to perform its auditing function at and I do not mean this request to imply that the other normal functions of the auditors should be limited, provided they do not extend over the contract referred to. Will you please not reveal to the auditors the name of the Agency initiating this request.

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Very truly yours,

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Acting Comptroller

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